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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was mostly steady, however, lighter weight hens are being offered out at additional premiums. No sales reported. Demand for whole birds flat with limited interest at this time from buyers who remain cautious. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Offerings limited.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading generally inactive. Demand mixed with some buyers resisting current offering prices. Supplies adequate for trade needs.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 15, 2001**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 14, 2001**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK ENDING JUNE 15, 2001

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	66.00	64.82	71.00
CENTRAL REGION	64.50**	65.00	68.00
WESTERN REGION	66.00**	66.00**	70.00**
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	61.30**	59.50	67.00**
CENTRAL REGION	60.50**	60.50**	68.00
WESTERN REGION	61.50**	61.50**	66.50**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	70-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-76

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

<b><u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u></b> U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 18-JUN-2001				
	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	70.25	80	69.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	70.25	80	69.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**  
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

MAY	480,254 *
JUNE 1-9, 2001	136,268 *
To date 2000	2,240,150 *
To date 1999	2,398,588 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 09-Jun-2001  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

<u>-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	840	20	23.03	(A)	840 23.03
S ATL	898	26	28.76	(A)	898 28.76
N CENT	2,381	21	29.43	(A)	2,382 29.43
S CENT	684	24	20.86	(A)	684 20.86
WEST	485	14	23.27	(A)	485 23.27
U.S.TOTAL	5,288(B)	21	26.62	1	5,289 26.62
TO DATE					
2001	107,052(B)			287	107,339
TO DATE					
2000	105,257(B)			805	106,062

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 35,000 for the year 871,000; last year to date 374,000.

<u>LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED</u>			WEEK ENDING 09-Jun-2001		
	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>					
HEAD	2,246	3,007	35	1	5,289
AVG WT	16.33	34.32	25.64	32.07	26.62
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,982	2,358	19	9	4,368
YR AGO	2,238	2,740	35	7	5,012
AVG WT	16.98	33.88	24.60	37.18	26.30
TO-DATE/2001	45,494	60,687	871	287	107,339
TO-DATE/2000	104,883(A)		374	805	106,062

(A) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 JUNE 2001.

Market activity was spotty. Offerings of bulk parts and bulk meats were light for current shipment, consisting mostly of less than trucklot volumes. Demand was about balanced with supplies and more interest was on partial loads. Mechanically separated turkey continued tight and strong. Destrapped tenders were fully steady. Export activity was quiet with spot inquires for fill-in needs.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	95.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	12
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	30.00	50
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00		28.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	37.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	28.00	50
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	49.00	10
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	12
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	163.86	280
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	177.00		177.00	40
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	67.67	75
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	116.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		W	120.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	134.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	145.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	150.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	66.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	29.00		29.00	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	31.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	29.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	27.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	22.00	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	70.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 JUNE 2001.

Tom breast meat was balanced with needs and generally steady. Destrapped and whole tenders ranged adequate to tight and the market tone was steady to fully steady. Fully adequate offerings of tom full cut wings attracted little interest. Inquiries on fresh and frozen mechanically separated turkey often went unfilled. Export activity was light. Some buyers were reluctant to pay asking prices for the spot offerings of tom drums.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE 1/	LST CDE PRICE	WTD AVG (000)	VOLUME PRICE	WEEKLY WTD AVG (000)	WEEKLY VOLUME
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	10	154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	95.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	28.00	12	28.91	22
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	30.00	50	29.81	62
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	28.00	12	28.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	37.00	12	37.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	28.00	50	27.81	62
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	49.00	10	49.00	10
NECKS, TOM		R	28.00	12	28.77	52
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	163.86	280		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	176.00		176.00	160	175.76	500
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	67.67	75		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	116.00	80		
SCAPULA MEAT		W	120.00	40	120.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	134.00	80	134.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	145.00	40	145.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	150.00	20	148.00	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	66.00	40	66.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		R	29.00	120	25.68	1,120
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	31.00	80	31.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		M	27.00	28	27.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	22.00	20		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	71.00		71.00	120	70.60	200

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